

The House Committee on Governmental Affairs offers the following substitute to SB 70:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to campaign contributions under the "Ethics in Government Act," so as to revise provisions relating to prohibitions against campaign contributions by regulated entities to their elected regulators; to revise provisions relating to contributions by officers and employees of regulated entities; to require disclosure report identification of contributions by officers and employees; to prohibit elected regulators from soliciting contributions from officers and employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to campaign contributions under the "Ethics in Government Act," is amended in Code Section 21-5-30.1, relating to prohibited contributions by regulated entities to elected executive officers or candidates, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to prevent any person who may be employed by a regulated entity, including a person in whose name a license or lease is held, or who is an officer of a regulated entity from voluntarily making a campaign contribution from that person's personal funds to or on behalf of a person holding office as an elected executive officer regulating such entity or to or on behalf of a candidate for the office of an elected executive officer regulating such entity or to or on behalf of a campaign committee of any such candidate; provided, however, that:

(1) The elected executive officer or candidate receiving one or more campaign contributions described in this subsection shall in his or her disclosure report under Code Section 21-5-34 separately identify each contribution and the total of contributions which he or she knows or should have reason to know are described in this subsection;

26 (2) It shall be unlawful for an elected executive officer to knowingly solicit a campaign
27 contribution described in this subsection; and
28 (3) It shall be unlawful and a violation of this Code section for any regulated entity or
29 other person to require another by coercive action to make any such contribution."

30 **SECTION 2.**

31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.